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FOR: GEORGE S. VEST AND LAWRENCE S. EAGLEBURGER

SUBJECT: NEW U.S. COORDINATOR FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE
WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE

WOULD YOU QUERY THE SECRETARY OF HIS DESIRE TO ANNOUNCE
THE APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR EDWIN M. MARTIN AS
COORDINATOR. THIS TIMELY ANNOUNCEMENT SHADOWING UNGA'S
UNANIMOUS ACTION WILL GIVE FURTHER EMPHASIS TO U.S.
SUPPORT FOR THE CONFERENCE.

A PROPOSED PRESS RELEASE FOLLOWS.

"SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER TODAY ANNOUNCED
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THE APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR EDWIN M. MARTIN

AS COORDINATOR OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE
WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. THE UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY ON
DECEMBER 17, 1973 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT
THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 1974.
THE HOLDING OF THE CONFERENCE WAS PROPOSED
BY SECRETARY KISSINGER IN HIS INAUGURAL
SPEECH TO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN
SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR. AMBASSADOR MARTIN,
WHO WILL REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE SECRETARY

OF STATE, WILL TAKE UP HIS NEW DUTIES EARLY
IN 1974.

AMBASSADOR MARTIN REACHED THE RANK OF CAREER
AMBASSADOR IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE. HE HAS
SERVED AS DEPUTY CHIEF OF USRO AND ALTERNATE
MEMBER OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IN
PARIS 1953-57, ECONOMIC MINISTER IN THE U.S.
EMBASSY IN LONDON 1957-59, ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS 1960-62
AND FOR AMERICAN REPUBLIC AFFAIRS 1962-64, U.S.
AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA 1964-68 AND IS ABOUT
TO CONCLUDE SIX YEARS IN THE INTERNATIONAL
POSITION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR
ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN PARIS.

HE IS A NATIVE OF OHIO AND A GRADUATE OF
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY IN EVANSTON, ILLINOIS."

PLEASE ADVISE OF THE SECRETARY'S DECISION TO ANNOUNCE
THERE OR UPON RETURN TO WASHINGTON. RUSH

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